A THIRD RECEIVER FOR THE NEW-YORK AND There was a decided advance in stocks yeskerday, though there were rumors at the opening of business of defalcations, which could be traced to no responsible author. The most noticeable improvement was in Western Union, New-York Central, Eric, and Lake Shore. The gold market was quiet and a trifle lower. The announcement that the banks had increased their legal tender reserve \$1,660,000 tended greatly to the increase of confidence and the improvement of busimess, and the vague reports of the insecurity of a large backing bouse in London, which have been floating about the street for a few days past, seem to have finally died away. A member of the bank-ing frm of Duncan & Sherman said yester-day that none of the banking houses having London connections had received any information on the subject, and, so far as he knew, no credit had been given to the reports. He thought they were started for the same purpose as those about Commodere Vander-bilt's death a few days ago, and very likely by the same persons. It was said that a prominent Wall-st. operator led on Mr. Vanderbilt a few days ago, and expressed his regret that such stories should have been invented in regard to him for the purpose of depreciating the stocks of his roads. Mr. Vauderbilt replied that he was sorry that any one should be so wicked as to set such reports affoat, but he was more sorry that they should af-fect the stocks of his roads unfavorably, as the companies were so well organized that the roads would run just as well and earn as much money after his death as

A meeting of the Clearing-house committee of nine was held yesterday, at which, it is reported, a disposition was shown by some members to modify their report in some particulars, but no change was made. Mr. Williams of the Metropolitan Bank withdrew from the committee on account of the directors of his bank having voted to postpone consideration of the report for sixty days.

The committee of the stockholders of the Union Trust Company met yesterday to censider the proposition to resume business on the 1st of December. No conclusion was reached, the committee having adjourned to meet
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In the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, John G Stevens was appointed a joint receiver with Abram S Hewitt of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad

THE MERCANTILE BANK LOANS. HEAVY LOSSES NOT APPREHENDED-THE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY'S PAPER SECURED.

A Tribune reporter called yesterday morn-ing on N. Amerman, cashier of the Mercautile National Bank, at Broadway and Dey-st., to obtain full particulars of the complications in which that institution wa involved on account of transactions with the Domestic Sewing-Machine Company. Mr. American said that he had little to add to the statement published in yesterday's TRIBUNE. E. J. Blake, the late President. and lent the money of the bank from time to time to the Domestic Sewing-Machine Company, in which he is interested as a stockholder, and the President of which, George Blake, is his brother. There was nothing irregular in these loans, which were made in the usual way, except that the Board of Directors were not informed of them. They were seenred by the commercial paper of the sewthey machine company, which, no doubt, Mr. Blake thought perfectly good. The loans had extended through a long period of time, and the notes, as they fell due, had been promptly paid until a few days ago, when some of them returned protested. This caused inquiry. A meeting of the directors was called and Mr. Blake resigned the Presidency, and Norman White was chosen to fill the place thus made vacant.

Mr. American was asked if the resignation was voluntary. He answered: "Of course Mr. Blake couldn't remain under the circumstances." He added that it was unlikely that the bank would suffer any loss, and at the

Mr. White, the newly appointed President, told the reporter that the Government Bank Examiner, Mr. Meige. had been called in to make an official examination of the affairs of the bank, and had already expressed the opinfrom the examination he had made, that the loss, if there should be any, would be very light. Mr. White sale that there, were no defalcations or any apparent attempts at fraud; Mr. Blake had simply acted in an irregular manner in Mr. Blake had simply acted in an irregular mainer in loaning the money of the bank without informing the directors, and the case was not improved by the fact of his intimate connection with the party to whom the money was lent. Mr. Blake had had the utmost confdence of the Beard; he had been looked upon as a wealthy man, and only a short time ago held 1,100 shares of the Mercantile Bank stock, though he had probably disposed of a large part of this. Mr. White expressed perfect confidence that the bank would lose little if anything through the Domestic Sewing-Machine Company, d said that negotiations were pending for the consol. to completion, would insure the payment of all the former's notes in full.

A few minutes before 3 p. m .- the regular bour for closing the Stock Exchange-Mr. Meigs visited the Exchange, and requested the presiding officer to read a brief paper that he had prepared informing the brokers that an examination of the affairs of the Mercantile Na-thonal Bank had convinced him of its perfect solveney, and that its losses if any, would be very triffing. He was told that at that hour the paper could not be read, but that at the someting of the Exchange, could make any speech he might wish. Accordingly, after the close of business, but while many members of the Exchange were still present, Mr. Meas mounted the restrain and made an announcement substantially as above.

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At a late nour last night Mr. Meigs was at work in the Mercangle Bank, examining its accounts. He was visited there by a Thibunk reporter, whom he told that he had devoted the entire day up to 3 o'clock exclusively to an examination of the accounts of the Domestic Sewing-Machine Company and of Eld J. Blake, the late President of the bank, and had satisfied himself that the loans—amounting to about \$400,000—were substantially secured. He believed there would be no less, and had made haste to so announce to the Stock Exchange, knowing that in these excited times the slightest rumors were picked up on the street and magnified greatly as they passed from broker to broker. His opinion of the security of the loan was based partly upon his knowledge of the point which had been reached in the negotiations pending for the consolidation of the Domestic Sewing-Machine Company with another company, which he declined to name, saying it was best not to talk too much about a trade before it was concluded. On being asked if it was not the Grover & Baker Company to which are ference was made, he answered in the affirmative.

George Biake, President of the Domestic, and a brother of the ex-President of the Mercantile Bank, said that the company were still doing a good business, but their troubles had grown out of the stringency in the money market, and the expenses attendant upon the erection of their new huilding at Fourteenth-st. and Broadway. They were in the babit of doing business on the lesse system, which they had been compelled to adopt in order to compete with other companies. He thought they had been extending their business too rapidly in the face of the jarding their business too rapidly in the face of the panile, although their masses were distributed all over the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Companies at the request of the latter, and he thought they might culminate within ten days. The Company was solvent.

The following letter was sent by the Company to its agents yesterday:

You have probably seen in the papers that we are in peremiary trouble. There is so truth in them so far as they refer to defaileation. This is to say to you, that with abundant property to pay all we see, and have a large surplus, we think an early and satisfactory arrangement with our receitors will be made. So far as we know, they will cheerfoldy give all needed indulgance.

WINSHIP'S DEFALCATION.

At a meeting of the creditors of E. K. Winship, the defaulting broker of No. 24 Broad-st., held on Taursday last, E. H. Hodgkiss of No. 31 Pine-st. was requeeted to act in their interest in endeavoring to settle his affairs. Accordingly he directed, yesterday that proceedings in bankruptcy be begun at once. He has examined Winghip's books and papers as thoroughly as the time would permit, but finds them so carelessly or obscurely kept that they afford little information of his business transactions. Mr. Hodghias told a TRIBUNE reporter, yesterday, that Mr. Winiship had been a edations from prominent Republicans in He said the pention for a short | hospital

time and then entered on the husiness which he followed up to last week. This business may be described as payroll insurance, and is of the following nature: Employés obtain advances on their pay-rolls at a large discount, which discount is not charged as interest on the money alone, but as an indemnity to the lender against loss from the discharge of the borrower before the money becomes due. Mr. Hougkiss claims that this is a perfectly legitimate business, and not usurious in us character as has been decided in the courts. Winship began business on borrowed capital, which he had no difficulty in obtaining, as he was introduced by letters from Governor Jewell of Connecticut, and several prominent army officers. Mr. Hodgkiss said that he was by no means sure that Winship had left town, or that, if he had gone, he had taken away as little money as he professed to have. He didn't know what speculations he had engaged in outside of his regular business, or what methods of equandering money he had adopted. He was fond of horses, but all those he had at the time of his disappearance had only cost him \$1,100, as was shown by bills of sale found among his papers. He did not know whether Winship had lost 'all the money he had borrowed through the risks inclident to his business, had lost or spent it in other ways, or had taken a part of it away with him. He did not wish to express an opinion in regard to the man or his transactions until he could give the facts on which they were based; but would be perfectly willing to make public anything which he might learn. If Winship were really poor he had taken a foolish course in keeping out of the way, as the creditors for the most part foit very lonient toward him. Most of the creditors were men who were able to sustain the loss; but, in these times of financial excitement it might be injurious to make their names public. He had been luformed from two sources that winship had been seen in town since his pretended disappearance. He had convinced himself that one of these repo

THE SPRAGUE INTERESTS. MEETING OF THE CREDITORS OF HOYT, SPRAGUES

A meeting of the leading creditors of Hoyt Spragues & Co. was held yesterday at the firm's place of business, No. 107 Franklin-st. P. C. Calhoun, President of the Fourth National Bank, was chosen chairman, and Horatio Rogers of Providence secretary. The latter read the following statement of the liabilities and as-

242.39 26,00	drafts of the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Co.). Due to banks and others, borrowed on collaterals. Due to consignors, and for money on deposit. Due sundry small bills and accounts.
\$9,837,34	Total
\$3,518,27	Due from A. & W. Sprarne Manufacturing Co
3,758,62	in each advance 730,020 l
2,598,45	Company is inside free from mortgage. Due from Riverside, Chy Wooden, Oswego Falls, and liyram River Mills, other consignors and parties. Against which the real and personal estate, of the several companies are liable or held, including goods in hand real estate, mills and machinery, besides other personal real estate, mills and machinery, besides other personal
1.130 61 857.45	Due from book accounts
295,186	Bonds, stocks, real estate, and about \$00,000 of aus- pended debts considered good
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Total. \$1,575,000

No estimate is made of the private property of Messra. Amass & Wil-

Abraham Bayne of Providence made a long statement, describing the settlement made by the creditors with A. & W. Sprague, and the condition of Hoyt, Spragues & Co. A. & W. Sprague had given notes, some of them baying three years to run, covering their outstanding

having three years to run, covering their outstanding indebtedness. The indorsement of Hoyt, Spragues, and it would therefore be necessary to give the firm the same extension as A. & W. Sprague had received, otherwise Hoyt, Spragues & Co. could be held habe for the deots of A. & W. Sprague.

Mr. Thurston of Providence described at length the terms of settlement made by A. & W. Sprague with the various classes of creditors. A resolution was adopted that a committee of three he appointed to confer with the firm of Hoyt, Spragues & Co., and assertain what terms of settlement could be decided on most favorable to the interests of both. An amendment was added that he report of the committee be made at a subsequent meeting or direct to the creditors, as the committee may deem best. The Chairman named as such committee william G. Lambert, Koyal C. Dodge, and Pariey A. Russell. On monton, the Chairman was added to the committee, although he requested to be exc score of a pressure of business and ill health.

ATTEMPTED MURDERS IN NEW-JERSEY.

BRUTAL ASSAULTS IN JERSEY CITY AND ELIZABETH. Richard O'Donnell is the proprietor of a grecery store at Railroad-ave. and Cole-st., in one part of which liquor is also sold, his barkeeper being Patrick Larkins. The saloon was opened about 5 a. m. yester day by Larkins, and while he was preparing for the day's business a man came in and asked for a drink of hot whisky. The bar-tender turned to the stove for the hot water, when the unknown man drew a hatchet, which he had somewhere concealed, and struck him violent blow in the neck at the base of the skull. This rendered Larkins unconscious, but his assailant seems not to have been satisfied, and repeated the blow. The milkman who supplies the store, lying on the which was covered with blood. The money drawer had been taken out and carried away, but beyond this nothing had been disturbed. Drs. Morris and Mitchell were called in, and found, beside the wound first inflicted, a deep gash behind the right ear, where the weapon had apparently ipenetrated the skull for an inch, and two terrible scalp wounds. The injured man returned to consciousness for a short time, and was able to give the circumstances of the attack, as stated, and to describe his assailant as a man 23 or 24 years of age, stout, fand beavy built. The weapon, which was an ordinary mason's hatchet, was found lying on the floor, and bore the name "C. Hammon, Philadelphia, cast steel." The narrow edge bore the marks of having penetrated the skull an inch and a balf or two inches. Larkins is was so weak from less of blood that ithe physicians did not think it best to probe the wounds. Dr. Buck, County Physician, made an examination at noon, but deemed it not best to disturb the man, who was then deemed it not best to disturb the man, who was then unconscious, and believed to be in a dying condition. The physicians say that there is not the slightest hope of his recovery. The money drawer, which was found at some distance from the store, did not contain more than \$6 or \$7. The police have only the clue afforded by the hatchet, and the partial description given by Larkins, out they hope to secure the man, believing him to be a resident of the quarter of the city in which the affair occurred. Larkins is unmarging, a man of temperate habits, and has been employed by O'Donnell most of the time for six or seven years.

A SPORTSMAN'S CRIME.

A SPORTSMAN'S CRIME. At no period within the recent history of Elizabeth has there been chronicled so many deeds of bloodshed as during the past 12 days. Two atrocious attempts to murder were announced first, then occurred a stabbing affair, and a fight in which two prominent residents were concerned, and now a most brutal attempt at mur-

der is announced. Early on Tuesday morning, Alexander Louis, a farmer living at the outskirts of Elizabeth, heard the firing of guns on his premises. He sent an employe, August Woerner, to ascertain the origin, and gave him instractions to warn all persons with guns in their hands to keep away from his property. The latter, a German, obeying instructions, approached a group of three sportsmen, who were traversing and overturning a large tract of ground covered with celery plants just ripening for the market. To his request to move away they replied with jeers, and when he expostulated, the tailest and most powerful of the trio, without saying a word, drew his fewling-piece by the muzzle and struck Woerner a terrific blow over the head, the lock of the gun entering the head two inches above the left car. The poor man sank to the ground senseless, and, despite the attention of several physicians, remains in a critical condition. Mr. Louis witnessed the assault from his house, and hastened to the assault from his house, and hastened to the assault from his house, and hastened to the assault from his nearly but was only in time to see the dastardly assailants fleeing down the Boulevard. He fired two shots at them as they scaled his fence, and in return received one from them, which, however, flew wide of the mark. Two men were arrested afterward by the poince of Elizabeth, but were released, as taey were not identified as the parties to the attempted murder. Chief of Police Keron is now in search of the assassins, as are the police of Newark. Early on Tuesday morning, Alexander Louis, a farmer

KOWING IDENTIFIED. Chief of Police Keron of Elizabeth, accompanied by Alderman Scubltbeiss, escorted, yesterday morning, Kowing to the Almshouse, where his wife lies, slowly recovering. Upon entering the ward in which his vitim was, he threw up his hands and exclaimed, "Oh, Lucy." His wife loosed at him a moment, and then answered Alderman Schultheiss's question as to the identity of the prisoner by saying: "Yes, he tried to kill

RIDGEWAY CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER. In the case of Peter Ridgeway, charged with killing his wife, at Weehawken, on Oct. 21, the jury, which had been out since Tuesday afternoon, returned yesterday with a verdict of manslaughter. The prisoner was no

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CLINTON PRISON. POUGHKEEPSIE, Nov. 19 .- An order has been received at Sing Sing Prison to place Edward S. Stokes in the next draft of prisoners for Clinton Prison. He is at present too ill to be moved and is yet confined in the

HOME NEWS.

HERMOMETER YESTERDAY, AT HUDNUTS, IN BROADWAY, 9 a.m. -35° Neob -36° 3 n.m. -30° Midnight - 30°

PROMINENT ARRIVALA.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Ex-Senator H. W. Corbett of Oregon, Col. H. S. McComb of Delaware, and James L. Clagbars of Philadelphia. ... Metropolitian Hotel—Joseph Warren of The Bugfulo Courier, Gen. B. P. Bruce of Madison Co., N. N. Colanton of Harrisburg, and Henry G. Russell of Providence ... & N. Koloka Hotel—The Hon. T. C. Platta Owego, N. Y. and Col. W. S. King of Minnesota. ... Windoor Hotel—Gen. J. N. Konep of Gov. Edits Hotel—The Hon. William H. Seward of Aniura, N. Y. Soi A. Smith of Colcago, and ex-Milliam H. Seward of Aniura, N. Y. Soi A. Smith of Colcago, and ex-Gov. J. Gregoer South of Vermont. ... Glicey Humas—After Glatter of Contonient ... Hoffman House—Enter elect Prank Abbott of Port Jevils, N. I., Join Guy Vancher of Poughkeepie, and Lleutenant-Contonient E. B. Thompson, S. Navy ... Coleman House—Paymatter George F. Hare, G. G. Armston, Grand Central Hotel—The Hon. J. H. Selkrey of Histon. ... Barraun's Hotel—Gen. S. C. Armstrong of Virginia. ... St. Denis Hotel—Thomas Fitzgerald of The Patladelphia Chy Henry. PROMINENT ARRIVALA.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Commissioner Van Nort estimates that he can put all the pavements in this city in good condition under ordinary circumstances at an expense of \$303,475. Mrs. P. T. Barnum died suddenly of paralysis yesterday at her residence at No. 438 Fifth-ave., aged 45 years. Her funeral will take place at Bridgeport, Conn., next Saturday.

The announcement in yesterday's TRIBUNE of the arrival of the steamship Crescent City at Havana should have given her credit for a quicker passage. She arrived at daylight of the 17th instead of the 18th.

Commissioner Van Nort of the Department of Public Works has written a letter to the Mayor asking his cooperation in obtaining authority to discontinue the large number of extra street lamps maintained at the public expense.

Controller Green received the following amounts yesterday: From taxes of 1873 and water rents, \$248,717.80; arrears of taxes, assessments and interest, \$7,226.97; collection of assessments and interest, \$7,59.80; market rents and fees, \$599.55; water rents, \$5,112; liocuses, Mayor's office, \$81.70. Total, \$260,826.82. Detective Farley of the Central Office, assisted

several officers of the United States Secret Service Division, arrested last night William Warren and Charles Hastings, for smaggling 10,000 of the best quality of Havana cigars, by the steamer City of Havana, which arrived here from Cuba on Monday. The goods were seized at No. 169 Wooster st. Detective Walling of the Central office ar-

rested last evening George Manning, recently arrived in this city from Kingston, Jamaica. The arrest was made upon a cable dispatch from Police Inspector Foley of that place, stating that Manning had been indicted for lorgery while a clerk in the Internal Revenue office of the Colonial Government. The prisoner was locked up at Police Headquarters. A delegation of workingmen from the Work-

ingmen's Central Council called on the Mayor, Controller, and Commissioner of Public Works yesterdy, and er, and Commissioner of the average an additional appropriation made for the carrying ou of the public works whoo are unfinished in the city. The officials replied that they would do all in their power to assist the laboring men during the coming Winter.

At the Union Square Hotel, last night, the newly-elected Assemblymen and two of the Senators, Messrs. Booth and Ledwith, met to discuss the best means of obtaining work for the laboring men and mechanics now idle through the suspension of business consequent on the recent panic. After an hour's sea consequent on the recent panic. After an hour's ses-sion, Assemblymen Spencer, Woods, Coughlan, Biglin, Waehner, and Leake, with Senators Booth and, Led-with, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Mayor, Commonaity, and heads of the various depart-ments, to ascertain the condition of affairs in each, and devise some means of securing employment for the needy this Winter. The committee will meet at Dei-monico's to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, visit the officials, and decide afterward on the course to be pur-sued.

LONG ISLAND. OYSTER BAY .- From the number of burglaries and attempts at burglary that have recently occurred on the north side of the island, and from the difficulty of obtaining any trace of the perpetrators, it is believed that an organized gang is skirting the shore in a saiting craft, and taking advantage of every opportunity to steal. The recent burglary at the store of the Gien Cove Protective Union is supposed to have been the work of this gang; and later a number of suspicious persons have been seen prowling around the vicinity of Oyster Bay.

Bay.

Long Island City.—To-day will be observed by the Baptist churches throughout Long Island as a day of fasting and prayer, in accordance with the request of the Long Island Baptist Association, at its recent session in New-York. A temperance mass meeting, under the auspices of the Washingtonian Temperance Society, recently organized, will be held in Smithsonian Hall, in Central-ave, and Third-st., this evening. The newly-elected officers of the Society will be installed. Addresses will be made by J. B. Gibbs and others.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY.—The adjourned inquest in the lones murder will be resumed to-day by Coroner Baylis.

STATEN ISLAND. CHELSEA .- The American Lineoleum Company with an organization similar to that of the British oleum Company, have purchased over 200 acres of land on the Sound, and propose to erect large manufactories there. This is already an article of extensive import, and by locating the manufacture here, duties are avoided and profit increased.

PORT RICHMOND.—The old steel works have been sold to a Newark Company, and will be converted into a tool

manufactory.

New-Bngdirox.—Crabtree's factory on Jersey-st. has been leased for a term of years to a New-York City firm, who propose to use it for winding, dysing, and printing silk, and will give employment to about 250 hands. Other large enterprises are contemplated in various parts of the island.

HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES.

WHITE PLAINS .- The adjustment of the indebtedness of Westchester County between the towns annexed to the City and County of New-York and th 22 towns which will constitute Westchester County after Jan. 1 is occupying a great deal of attention on the part of the Supervisors, and it is discovered that considerable special legislation will be required to place the affairs connected with the annexation of Morrisama. Kingsbridge, and West Farms to New-York in proper shape. The act passed on the subject is pronounced to be full of biunders, which it will be extremely difficult to rectify.

POUGHEEFSIE.—A Committee from the Engineers of the New-York Central and Hadson River Railroad passed through this city yesterday morning on their way to New-York to have a consultation with Commodore Vanderbilt relative to the order issued on Monday, at-fecting the engineers pay. Mr. McArthur, one of the Committee, says that they will urge the Commodore to recall the order.

NEW-JERSEY. JERSEY CITY .- The ferry-boat Pavonia of

the Chambers-st. line, lost one of her wheels yesterday by collision with a piece of bimber drifting in the Hudson River....Thomas Doyle, a collector employed by Abraham Hongland, tobacconist, at No. 129 Jersey-ave., son River.....Thomas Doyle, a collector employed by Abraham Hongland, tobacconist, at No. 129 Jersey-ave., was held in bail, yesterday, charged with embezzling \$400 from his employer...In the Hadson County Court of Quarter Sessions, yesterday, Michael Dietz was convicted of a brutal assault on Patrick Farrell. The evidence showed that these men were at a fire, and that a hose held by Farrell was accidentally turned upon Dietz, whereupon the latter seized a chair and broke Farrell's nose. The accused offered a pica of temporary insanity.

PATERSON.—The Street Committee of the Board of Aldermen has arranged to begin the street improvement work immediately, with a force of 50 men, who will be selected from the number of laborers now suffering for want of employment...The Aldermanic Committee appointed to confer with the manufacturers visited three locomotive shops yesterday, and it is faintly hoped that the shops may be opened and will furnish employment for nearly 2,000 men, though at a reduced rate of wages...David Riser, a masson of this city, was struck yesterday afternoon by a train on the Paterson and Newark Railroad, at Centreville, and had an arm and a leg broken, and was otherwise injured, probably fatality...A team of horses ran away yesterday afternoon, on the Preakness Hill, with a carriage containing Ghosen Freeholders Adams and Demorest of Passaic and County Counsel Ward of this city. Messrs Demorest and Ward rolled out and escaped with slight injuries, but Mr. Adams, after holding on to the horses for a mice or two, was hurled out with great force and severely injured.

NEWARK.—Gen. Sherman will, visit the Industrial Exhibition on Friedry exciting. He will be the guest of case NEWARK.—Gen. Sherman will visit the Industrial Ex-hibition on Friday evening. He will be the guest of an-Hon. Geo. A. Halsey. The Directors of the Exhibition intend to devote the proceeds of one day to the Seth Boyden Statue Fund, and another for the benefit of the

LECTURES AND MEETINGS.

"The Indian Box Trick" will be performed by Prof. Hartz at Cooper Institute this and to-morrov

Charles G. Ames of Philadelphia will lecture on "American Problems," at Unity Chapel, in One hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st., this evening. It is a free lecture.

An entertainment in aid of unemployed and poor working women of this city will be given at Asso-clation Hall this evening. Miss Clara Norris and John S. Norton will read and recite. The Working-Women's Protective Union fosters this effort.

An adjourned meeting of the Importers' and Grocers' Board of Trade was to have been held yester day to receive the report of the Special Committee of National Finance. The report was not completed, however, and the meeting was not held. Prof. Etienne Lambert will deliver to-day

three free lectures, in Euglish, on the art of speaking French fluently, his subject being "No Grammar."
They will begin at 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m., in
Prof. Lambert's rooms, at Sixth-ave. and Twenty-The Committee on Protests of the Board of Supervisors held a meeting yesterday, Supervisor Mon-helmer presiding. Col. Fellows handed in 72 affidavits

from the XVIIIth Assembly District, showing that the

inspectors tore up the tickets of McCabe in many in-stances. Max Moses, counsel for Mr. Messer of the VIIIth District, submitted amdavits, and saked for su

adjournment to prepare new ones. The Committee adjourned to 4 p. m., at which time they met and drew up their report, which will be presented to the Supervisors at 11 s. m. to-day.

A meeting of the Woman's Centenary As-

sociation was held last night in the Universalist Church. at Downing and Fulton-siz. Mrs. Caroline A. Soule made the principal address. She gave a history of the Association, which began its labors in 1869. Its purpose she said, was to foster the cause of Universalism in she said, was to foster the cause of Universalism in America, and, in particular, to distribute our denominational literature; to establish Sunday-schools in waste places, and assist in sustaining them till they become self-supporting; to feater weak particles and needy institutions of learning; to aid in the education of students for the ministry; to help those sick or aged ministers who would suffer if pecuniary aid were fertilisted where the necessities of ministers' widows and orphans, where poverty is their portion; and to build up the Missionary enterprise. Other addresses were made by the Rev. J. M. Pullman, the Rev. J. M. Atwood, and the Rev. M. Baliou.

THE NEW-JERSEY OYSTER LAW.

ARGUMENT IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

AS TO ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 .- The case of Thomp son agt. Whitman, No. 111, from the Southern District of New-York, involving the constitutionality of the New-Jersey Oyster law, was argued to-day in the Supreme Court. The Oyster law, approved April 16, 1845, provides that no person who is not at the time an actual inhabitant and resident of the State, and who has not been such for six months next preceding, shall rake or gather any clams, oysters, or shell-fish within the State, and imposes a penalty for so doing, and forfeits the vessel so em ployed. Under this law, Thompson, as Sheriff of Mon-mouth County, seized Whitman's vessel in September, 1862, and, taking it before two justices of the county, the bark was condemned as having violated the law within the county. In this case, Whitman recovered \$3,500 damages for the wrongful seizure, the jury finding that there was no violation of the law within Monmout County, and that the seizure was not made therein. On the trial the Court refused to receive the record of the proceedings before the New-Jersey justice as conclusive faith and credit be given to judicial records of other States, in the courts of the several States, holding that it was only prima facie evidence of the facts, and the question of jurisdiction was decided by documentary and oral evidence. This brings up for review the question whether the Justices' Court of New-Jersey was such a court as comes within the constitutional provision relating to the faith and credit to be given to indicial records, the question of boundary, and lastly, the constitutionality of the act. Its unconstitutionality is insisted upon by the defendant here, because, as is contended, the act discriminates, in the broadest sense, between the residents and inhabitants of the State of New-Jersey and non-residents, and makes an act not malum in se, a cause of the and forfeiture, and a misdemeanor if engaged in by a non-resident; also, because, if it has any application to earoned vessels, such as was Whitman's, it is an interference with the powers of the Federal Government to regulate commerce, and with the admirality and maritime jurisdiction of the United States. Robert Gilchrist and C. W. Black appear for the plaintiff in error, and J. L. Cadwalader and Wm. M. Everts for the defendant. the question whether the Justices' Court of New-Jersey

Justice Barnard of the Supreme Court, Secand Judicial District, has appointed Leonard Moody re-eiver of the rents of certain premises on Third-st., Brooklyn, during the pendency of an action brought to foreclose a first mortgage on said premises, in which action the North American Life Insurance Company are plaintiffs, and Pascal Teniault and others are defendants. The receiver was appointed by consent of attorneys appearing in the action to aid the second mortgagees in increasing the surplus moneys to which they may be entitled after the final sale of the property in the

suit.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The following item of news appearing in your columns this merning is erroneous: "Judge Barnard has granted, in Brocklyn, an order appointing Mr. L. Wood Receiver of the North American Life Insurance Company." The proper statement of facts is that Judge Barnard, in a fereclosure suit brought by the North American Life Insurance Company, appointed L. Moody receiver of the rents of the mortraged premises during the pendency of the action, to protect Watson & Pittinger and the second mortgages. N. D. Morgan.

President North American Life Ins. Company.

New York, Nov. 19, 1873.

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